

# **Frank E. Brownell papers**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Rare Books and Manuscripts
<b>Title</b>	Frank E. Brownell papers
<b>Date</b>	1859-1901
<b>Extent</b>	0.2 Cubic feet 2 folders
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Text [Folder]</b>	S182

### Preferred Citation

Frank E. Brownell papers, Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library

## Biographical Note

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Francis (Frank) Edwin Brownell was born in Troy, New York on July 13, 1840, to Charles and Lucy Brownell, one of six children. He worked as an assistant in the law office of Millard and King until he enlisted, at the age of 20, and became a corporal of Company A of the 11th New York Volunteers, known as the Fire Zouaves, a regiment commanded by Col. Elmer Ellsworth. He was promoted to the rank of Full 2nd Lieutenant on May 14, 1861. When Col. Ellsworth was shot in the back in Alexandria, Virginia by a Southern sympathizer (James W. Jackson) on May 25, 1861, after removing a rebel flag from Jackson's hotel, he then instantly killed Jackson. He was promoted to full sergeant May 26, 1861 and mustered out on July 4, 1861. He was commissioned an officer in the Regular Army, 11th Infantry Regiment July 4, 1861 and promoted to full 1st Lieutenant Oct. 24, 1861. He was mustered out on Nov. 4, 1863. He married Cornelia (Nellie) L. Harrington on May 17, 1865 in St. Louis County, Missouri, and they had 2 children. He was awarded the Medal of Honor on January 26, 1877. His mother and 2 brothers lived with them according to the 1880 census. He died on March 15, 1894 and is buried in St. Louis, Missouri.

Information found within the collection

"Brownell, Francis". 1860 United States Federal Census. Retrieved 2014/04/28. <http://search.ancestrylibrary.com>

"Brownell, Francis E.". 1850 United States Federal Census. Retrieved 2014/04/28. <http://search.ancestrylibrary.com>

"Brownell, Francis E.". Web: Missouri, Find a Grave Index, 1812-2012. Retrieved 2014/04/28. <http://archives.ancestrylibrary.com>

"Brownell, Francis Edwin". Find a Grave Memorial. Retrieved 2014/04/28. <http://www.findagrave.com>

"Brownell, Francis Edwin". U.S., Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles, 1861-1865. Retrieved 2014/04/28. <http://search.ancestrylibrary.com>

"Brownell, Frank E.". Missouri Marriage Records. Retrieved 2014/05/05. <http://search.ancestrylibrary.com>

"Brownell, Frank E.". 1880 United States Federal Census. Retrieved 2014/04/28. <http://search.ancestrylibrary.com>

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection includes letters and diary entries from Elmer Ellsworth in Illinois in 1859 regarding life and newspaper clippings, transcripts of newspaper clippings, headlines and speeches from Francis E. Brownell and others in New York and elsewhere ranging from 1861 to 1901 regarding the death of Col. Elmer Ellsworth in 1861.

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## Arrangement

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This collection is arranged chronologically.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

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### Accruals

No further additions are expected.

### Processing Information

Collection processing completed 2014/05/05 by Edythe Huffman. EAD finding aid created 2014/05/05 by Edythe Huffman.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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### Geographic Name(s)

- Indiana
- Missouri
- New York
- Tennessee

### Personal Name(s)

- Ellsworth, Elmer (Col.)

### Subject(s)

- Clippings
- Correspondence
- Diaries

## Collection Inventory

Frank E. Brownell speech, 1896/05/23

Col. Ellsworth and Brownell death speech and article, 1901/05/24

Frank Brownell, Col. Ellsworth death speech and article, undated

Elmer Ellsworth diary (2 copies), 1859-1861 1859-1861

Elmer Ellsworths correspondence, 1860

Newspaper clippings and articles (2 copies), 1861

U. S. Grant's appointment as Col. of the 7th District Regiment article, 1861

Newspaper articles, 1894

Miscellaneous letters, 1895-1896